



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

## Meeting Minutes

### Committee of the Whole

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

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Thursday, December 4, 2008

10:05 AM

Board Room

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#### Call Meeting to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Barbara J. McGowan; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Patricia Young; and Terrence J. O'Brien

#### Finance Committee

##### Report

- 1      [08-2426](#)      Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of August 2008, in the amount of \$29,658,521.53

**Recommended**

- 2      [08-2428](#)      Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of September 2008, in the amount of \$39,600,109.24

**Recommended**

- 3      [08-2429](#)      Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of October 2008, in the amount of \$46,796,411.22

**Recommended**

##### Authorization

- 4      [08-2403](#)      Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$758,700.00 in the Corporate Fund.

**Recommended**

#### Purchasing Committee

##### Report

- 5      [08-2370](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
**Recommended**
- 6      [08-2373](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 06-218-3M Blower Nos. 9 & 10 and Air Main Installation at Calumet WRP, Chicago, Illinois, estimated cost \$15,931,717.00  
**Recommended**
- 7      [08-2390](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 08-629-12, Group A (Re-Bid) Furnishing, Delivering and Rental of Arc Flash Personal Protective Equipment, estimated cost \$32,120.00  
**Recommended**
- 8      [08-2392](#)      Report on the correction of a typographical error in the board transmittal letter for authority to issue purchase order for Contract 08-604-12 (Re-Bid) Furnishing and Delivering Plumbing Materials, in an amount not to exceed \$208,500.00, Account 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623090, Requisitions 1223995, 1225154, 1225179, 1225582, 1225595, and 1225598  
**Recommended**
- 9      [08-2432](#)      Purchasing Department - 2007 Annual Report  
**Deleted by the General Superintendent**
- Authorization**
- 10     [08-2381](#)      Authorization for payment to Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA) for 2009 membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$14,120.00, Account 101-15000-612280  
**Recommended**
- 11     [08-2384](#)      Authorization for payment to DuPage River/Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW) for 2008/2009 membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$61,005.00, Account 101-15000-612280  
**Deferred by Debra Shore to the afternoon session**
- 12     [08-2397](#)      Authorization to amend the board transmittal letter for authority to issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with SimplexGrinnell, L.P., to Furnish and Deliver Replacement Parts and Services for the Fire Detection System at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$391,311.00, Account 101-69000-612780, Requisition 1245111  
**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

- 13      [08-2413](#)      Authorization to amend the board transmittal letter for authority to decrease Contract 07-951-11, Truck Hauling of Direct Haul Centrifuge Cake from the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant to Various Locations, to Big "O" Movers and Storage, Inc., in an amount of \$1,222,000.00, from an amount of \$2,220,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$998,000.00, Account 101-69000-612520, Purchase Order 5000690

**Recommended**

- 14      [08-2418](#)      Authorization to amend the Board transmittal letter for Authority to increase Contract 03-296-3M Installation of Central Boiler Facility at Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$45,656.03 from an amount of \$28,911,312.63 to an amount not to exceed \$28,956,968.66, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000458

**Recommended**

- 15      [08-2419](#)      Authorization to amend Board transmittal letter for Authority to advertise Contract 02-010-3S Evanston Intercepting Sewer Orrington Avenue Leg Rehabilitation, NSA, in Evanston, IL, estimated cost is \$3,400,000.00, Account 401-50000-645600, Requisition 128083

**Recommended**

#### **Authority to Advertise**

- 16      [08-2367](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-868-11 Fence Painting in the Calumet Service Area, estimated cost \$50,000.00, Account 101-68000-612420, Requisition 1254257

**Recommended**

- 17      [08-2437](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 09-927-11 Services to Repair PLC Modules for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$43,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1258889

**Recommended**

#### **Issue Purchase Order**

- 18      [08-2366](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 08-418-12 Furnish and Deliver Fifty-Two (52) Multi-Functional Photocopier Devices and a Five-Year Repair Service, Supplies and Maintenance Agreement at Various Locations, to Distinctive Business Products, d/b/a Chicago Office Technology Group, in an amount not to exceed \$374,300.00, Account 101-15000-634800, 623810, 612800, Requisition 1239553 (*Deferred from the November 20, 2008 Board Meeting*)

**Recommended**

- 19      [08-2368](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 08-652-11 Furnish and Deliver Manhole Covers and Frames to Various Service Areas, to East Jordan Iron Works, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$77,195.00, Account 101-67000, 68000, 69000-623300, Requisitions 1232467, 1236485, and 1232472  
**Recommended**
- 20      [08-2377](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 08-705-11, Furnishing and Delivering Heavy Equipment to the North Service Area, Group A, to Lift Works, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$57,719.83, and Group C, to O'Leary's Contractors Equipment and Supply Co., in an amount not to exceed \$34,400.00, Account 101-67000-634650, Requisitions 1251031 and 1251033  
**Recommended**
- 21      [08-2383](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Mr. Thomas Skuse, for professional engineering services to maintain and operate District facilities at Fulton County, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, Account 101-68000-601170, Requisition 1259812  
**Recommended**
- 22      [08-2401](#)      Issue a purchase order to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, under the University of Illinois Master Agreement, to use a GPS-X model to Identify Process Strategies for Wet Weather Treatment at North Side Water Reclamation Plant in an amount not to exceed \$43,702.00, Account 101-16000-601170, Requisition 1261181  
**Recommended**
- 23      [08-2407](#)      Issue purchase orders to Serpentix Conveyor Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Replacement Parts to the North Side, Egan and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000-623270, Requisitions 1256450, 1256456 and 1255056  
**Recommended**
- 24      [08-2408](#)      Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement with Central Scale and Supply Co., Inc., for Services to Maintain the Cardinal Truck Weighing Scale System at the LASMA, Calumet and Stickney Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612650, 612680, Requisitions 1252913, 1255728 and 1255735  
**Recommended**
- 25      [08-2409](#)      Issue purchase order to Drydon Equipment, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Replacement Parts for Varec Gas Burners to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, Account 101-69000-623090, Requisition 1252904  
**Recommended**

- 26      [08-2412](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Vulcan Industries, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Parts and Repair Services for Vulcan Screens, in an amount not to exceed \$59,000.00, Accounts 101-69000-612600,623270, Requisitions 1253587 and 1253588

**Recommended**

- 27      [08-2421](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Superior Industrial Equipment, LLC, to Provide Services to Repair FlowServe Durametallic Mechanical Seals for Digester Pumps at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1252905

**Recommended**

- 28      [08-2435](#)      Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with the Carmen Group, Inc., for professional services associated with federal programs and activities during fiscal year 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$657,000.00, Account 401-50000-601170, Requisition 1261115

**Deferred by Debra Shore**

- 29      [08-2436](#)      Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with SEECO Consultants, Inc., for testing and inspecting concrete and other construction materials for various construction projects, in an amount not to exceed \$590,000.00, Accounts 101-50000-612240, 201-50000-612240, and 401-50000-612240, Requisition 1257472

**Recommended**

#### Award Contract

- 30      [08-2369](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-053-11 Furnish and Deliver Lamps for a One (1) Year Period, to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$66,331.92, Account 101-20000-623070

**Recommended**

- 31      [08-2371](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-009-11 Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels, and Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A to The Standard Companies, in an amount not to exceed \$5,600.00, Group B to Laport Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$86,934.40, and Group C to Atlas & Associates Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$18,314.00, Account 101-20000-623660

**Recommended**

- 32      [08-2387](#)      Authority to award Contract 99-467-2E Electrical Upgrade; Pumps, Motors & Drives Replacement; and Elevator Upgrades, Egan WRP, to Divane Bros. Electric Co., in an amount not to exceed \$9,057,000.00, Account 401-50000-645750, Requisition 1247920

**Recommended**

- 33      [08-2394](#)      Authority to award Contract 09-021-11 Furnish and Deliver Unleaded Gasoline to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Items 1 and 2 to Avalon Petroleum Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,051,000.00, Accounts 101-20000, 66000-623820

**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 34      [08-2375](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 06-107-11 to Furnish and Deliver Maintenance and Inspection of Lysimeters and Monitoring Wells for the Research and Development Department to Patrick Engineering, Inc., in an amount of \$6,172.31, from an amount of \$30,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$23,827.69, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3038814

**Recommended**

- 35      [08-2386](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Deutsch, Levy & Engel, LLC for legal services in representing the District in an environmental remediation action against Nicor/ComEd for District property at Oakton Street and McCormick Boulevard in Skokie, Illinois, in an amount of \$50,000.00, from an amount of \$250,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order A84545

**Recommended**

- 36      [08-2393](#)      Authority to increase Contract 07-677-11 Overhead and Exterior Door Maintenance Services at Various Locations, to Builders Chicago Corporation, in an amount of \$20,000.00, from an amount of \$192,039.88, to an amount not to exceed \$212,039.88, Account 101-69000-612680, Purchase Order 5000715

**Recommended**

- 37      [08-2396](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Geosyntec Consultants for Contract 04-RFP-15, Risk Assessment of Human Health Impacts of Disinfection vs. No Disinfection of the Chicago Area Waterways, in an amount of \$49,762.00, from an amount of \$983,411.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,033,173.00, Account 401-50000-601170, Purchase Order 3033062

**Recommended**

- 38      [08-2402](#)      Authority to increase Contract 03-955-15 Services to Maintain Uninterruptible Power Systems in the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Area and Waterways Control Room, to Professional Technical Services, Inc. in an amount of \$72,851.00, from an amount of \$108,756.25 to an amount not to exceed \$181,607.25, Account 101-27000-634840, Purchase Order 5000506

**Recommended**

- 39      [08-2405](#)      Authority to increase Contract 08-646-11 Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group A, to J & L Contractors, Inc., in an amount of \$289,750.00, from an amount of \$1,159,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,448,750.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Purchase Order 5000849  
**Recommended**
- 40      [08-2406](#)      Authority to increase Contract 08-646-11 Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, Group B, to Thornton Equipment Services, Inc., in an amount of \$250,000.00, from an amount of \$1,000,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00, Account 501-50000-612620, Purchase Order 5000863  
**Recommended**
- 41      [08-2411](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend an agreement with Loeb & Loeb, LLP to pay attorneys' fees incurred by Susan T. Morakalis in the case of Tri-River Docks v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, No. 05 L 007390, in an amount of \$125,000.00, from an amount of \$100,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3051187  
**Recommended**
- 42      [08-2414](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Serpentix Conveyor Corp., to furnish and deliver replacement parts on an as-needed basis during 2007 and 2008, for Serpentix conveyors to various locations in an amount of \$17,000.00, from an amount of \$201,850.00 to an amount not to exceed \$218,850.00, Account 101-67000/68000-623270, Purchase Orders 3044690, 3044691, and 3044707  
**Recommended**
- 43      [08-2415](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with SimplexGrinnell LP for the preventive maintenance, testing and servicing of a SimplexGrinnell Fire Alarm system located at the R&D Lab Building, Engineering Center, OSS Complex, Austin Gate House and Post Digestion Centrifuge Buildings at the Stickney WRP in an amount of \$14,700.00, from an amount of \$224,999.00 to an amount not to exceed \$239,699.00, Account 101-69000-612780, Purchase Order 3035768  
**Deferred by Barbara McGowan to afternoon session**
- 44      [08-2416](#)      Authority to increase Contract 03-296-3M, Installation of Central Boiler Facility at Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$960,251.00, from an amount of \$27,996,717.66 to an amount not to exceed \$28,956,968.66, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000458

- 45      [08-2425](#)      Authority to increase purchase order to CDW Government, Inc., for Microsoft software and software maintenance in an amount of \$69,000.00, from an amount of \$932,162.17, to an amount not to exceed \$1,001,162.17, Account 101-27000-612820, Purchase Order 3041988

**Recommended**

- 46      [08-2433](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with AutoDesk Inc., for professional computer software services in regards to the continuance of full implementation of the AutoDesk Constructware application, in an amount of \$476,220.67, from an amount of \$320,595.33 to an amount not to exceed \$796,816.00, Accounts 201-50000-601170, 623800, and 634820, Purchase Order 3046108

**Recommended**

- 47      [08-2434](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., for Agreement 07-859-1C, Economic and Environmental Assessment of Water Quality Improvements in the Chicago Area Waterway System and Floatables Control Evaluation, North Branch Pumping Station, in an amount of \$173,760.00, from an amount of \$857,514.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,031,274.00. Account 101-50000-601410, Purchase Order 3048466

**A motion was made that this Agenda Item be Deferred. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

## **Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee**

### **Report**

- 48      [08-2400](#)      Report on Public Notification of Significant Industrial Users Having Exemplary Compliance Records and Industrial Users Significantly Violating Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements

**Recommended**

## **Judiciary Committee**

### **Authorization**

- 49      [08-2385](#)      Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Gregory Reed vs. MWRDGC, I.C. #06WC 52466, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission in the sum of \$105,000.00. Account 901-30000-601090 (*As Revised*)

**Recommended**

## **Maintenance & Operations Committee**

**Authorization**

- 50      [08-2430](#)      Authorization to Declare an Emergency to Repair the Motor for Main Sewage Pump No. 5 at the John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plant, Contract 08-700-03, Magnetech Industrial Services, Inc., estimated cost is not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 101-67000-612600 (Req. 1261825)

**Recommended**

**Pension, Personnel Relations & Civil Service Committee****Authorization**

- 51      [08-2420](#)      Authority to revise plan design for HMO and PPO medical benefit plans for non-represented employees and retirees, and contribution rates for non-represented employees

**Recommended**

**Real Estate Development Committee****Authorization**

- 52      [08-2410](#)      Authority to sequester and commit grant funds received by the District from the State of Illinois for Deer Creek Flood Abatement work and to seek amendment to provision of grant governing disbursement of funds to the Army Corps of Engineers and an extension of grant term (As Revised)

**Recommended**

**Miscellaneous & New Business**

- 53      [08-2438](#)      Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 08-RFP-21 Native Landscape Conversion and Management at Various Service Areas, with Tallgrass Restoration, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$102,923.20, Accounts 101-67000-601170, 101-68000-601170, 101-69000-601170, Requisitions 1261891, 1261903, and 1246454

**Recommended**

**Additional Agenda Items**

- 54      [08-2440](#)      Authority to amend Board Order dated April 5, 2007, authorizing and approving settlement of the case of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago vs. North American Galvanizing & Coatings, Inc., Case No. 05-3290 to modify the terms and conditions of the settlement as stated herein

**Recommended**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 9, 11, 12, 28, 33, 43 and 44**

President O'Brien called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Patricia Young, seconded by Patricia Horton. President O'Brien called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

*None*

**Adjournment**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of December 4, 2008 was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk